

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Large companies that control the airwaves are more interested in their profits, and not in serving the public needs. We need more substantive news about issues that matter within our local communities.

Sinclair's actions are direct electioneering by a corporate media giant -- and against federal election law. This is an excellent example of why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process must involve more than a returned postcard.
Sincerely,
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